

THE DAILY REBEL.

Once on Market Street, over the Bank of Tennessee.

CHATTANOOGA:
SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 3, 1863.

THE SITUATION.

Through dispatches, which the Governor of Tennessee was kind enough to transmit us, our readers were early advised, and to a certain extent, officially so, of the momentous operations of the 31st of December. (Wednesday,) in front of Murfreesboro. The intelligence will doubtless be largely augmented before the close of the present edition of the *Rebel*, by details and particulars, and most probably by tidings of another engagement also. The extensive skirmishes of Tuesday afternoon, and the general conduct of Wednesday throughout, were but the initials of a great, and it may be, a decisive pass-of-arms for the possession of Tennessee.

If we divide the swollen ranks of Rosecrans—ranks of fresh troops, ranks of veteran troops, ranks too of Western troops—back upon Nashville, the result may restore us our Capitol, and will give an substantial occupation of the entire region of country lying within the embrace of the Cumberland, Duck and Tennessee rivers, South, East and West of Nashville.

The engagement of Wednesday, from every advice which reaches us, was one of the bloodiest of the war. It might well be so. The troops brought against us by the enemy, were the flower of his army. The General commanding was one of the ablest of its officers. The inducement of battle was strong.

Tennessee is the apple of the eye of the North West. The fact of the position held in the State Capital, and freely employed by the shrewd brain of Andrew Johnson—has stimulated the Northern, and North Western people, to a lofty pitch. They fight well, whenever they fight for Kentucky, or Tennessee. Hence a victory over them, under the circumstances which surrounded them, is a ten-fold victory.

It must not be forgotten, however, that we too are excited by all that can arm men with earthly strength, and inspired by all which can clothe them with the supernatural lustre of heroism.

Two-thirds of the army of Bragg are Tennesseans. Much traduced by the passionate, the ignorant and the ill-tendered, these men have only desired and waited a fair field, and a competent leader. Making due allowance for the prejudices entertained against General Bragg, the soldiers under his command must have entered the fight with faith in a great conclusive triumph.

It was at their door-sills. The very eyes of the loved ones of home were on them. The fight was a defense of hearth-stones and chimney-corners, which men are most loth to sacrifice in winter time. No wonder therefore, that the close of Wednesday witnessed a great victory; four thousand prisoners; thirty-one pieces of artillery; two Generals of Brigade; stores and munitions of war to a large amount.

The fight was a free fight. It was an open field fight. The ground over which the shock of battle passed is familiar to us—a rolling level of semi-undulating land, of corn-fields and meadows, with sparse groves of timber, semi-circled by the winding, zig-zag course of Stone's river. Our fortifications were merely temporary earth works and rifle pits, if indeed we had any at all. Theirs must have been even less. One advantage however (and a very considerable one) had we. It was this: The sun, bright, clear and dazzling, shone directly in their face during two-thirds of the day, whilst it fell upon our rear. So long as the present geographical positions are continued, this decided piece of advantage will be on our side when the sun shines.

The completion of this victory is only needed to set the Western campaign on its legs, and to place us of Tennessee on a secure footing.

We fear our loss has been heavy in killed and wounded; and that before the end of the terrible combat, or series of combats, that many a noble son of Tennessee, will pay the holiest tribute to patriotism; by the sacrifice of a life dedicated to the cause of his country.

Already has the iron hand of death laid its clasp upon some of our purest spirits. The fall of no one could be more lamented than that of Gen'l Rains.

In the midst of glorious news, and with the tidings that victory perches upon our advancing banners, comes the sorrowful announcement of the death of this noble young soldier. A gallant officer, a pure patriot, a useful citizen, has given up his life to the cause of liberty and in defence of his native soil.

General James E. Rains was a native of this State, born, reared and educated in the city of Nashville, where he studied for the profession of the law, and was, at an early age, admitted to the bar of that city. He afterwards became editorially connected with the Nashville Republican Banner, which paper he conducted for several months with marked ability, when he retired from the chair editorial and resumed the practice of his former profession. He is the second editor of that paper who has fallen a martyr to the cause of Southern independence in this war, and like his predecessor General Zollicoffer, fell fighting in the front of his brigade, while leading them on to the attack.

Several months previous to the commencement of the revolution he was elected Attorney General of the Nashville District, which official position he filled with credit to himself and to his country, and his services in that capacity were marked by the same high-toned ability and dignity of deportment which characterized his career as a journalist. At the commencement of the war, he resigned the position of Attorney General, to become a soldier of the South, and was among the first in Tennessee to espouse the cause of Southern independence. He became a member and was elected Captain of a company organized in Nashville. In the organization of regiments at Camp Cheatham, then under the command of Brig. General Foster, he was unanimously elected Colonel of the 11th Tennessee Regiment of Infantry, which under his constant and careful supervision became one of the most serviceable and finished regiments in the service.

This regiment was afterwards attached to the brigade of Gen. F. K. Zollicoffer, and followed the fortune of that laudable and noble leader throughout the memorable campaign of East Tennessee and Kentucky. He led his regiment gallantly in the attack upon Wild Cat, and also in the fight at Barboursville Bridge. Upon the return to Tennessee from Kentucky the 11th Tennessee was detached from the brigade of General Zollicoffer, and left at Cumberland Gap. In all the attacks upon that stronghold the subject of this brief memoir was present always in the van, and always acting with great gallantry, skill and judgment. For a long time he was left in command of this important position, and was finally appointed Brigadier-General in the army of the Confederate States. His brigade did splendid service in the late Kentucky campaign, and its noble leader eminently distinguished himself on all occasions, in the face of the enemy.

His action in the late battle, in which he lost his life, has rendered his name immortal. Almost in sight of the home of his boyhood, fighting for its deliverance, and for the rescue of all he held dear on earth, from the cruelty and tyranny of the invader, he fell, covered with glory.

Our latest advices from Vicksburg, are to the 31st ult. The enemy made four attempts to force our lines on the Chickasaw bluffs, about ten miles from Vicksburg, on Saturday, and was repulsed each time with heavy loss. They were repulsed the next day again with still greater loss—our troops acting with great gallantry.

Several of our gallant Tennessee Regiments were in the action. Monday the enemy made another attempt, and were driven back to their boats, and afterwards sent in a flag of truce for permission to bury their dead.

Death of Capt. Orville Ewing.—It is our painful office this morning, to announce the death of our estimable young friend Captain ORVILLE EWING, son of the Hon. Edwin H. Ewing of Tennessee. He was, we believe at the time of his death, a member of Gen. Preston's staff, and was killed in the action near Murfreesboro, on Wednesday. Of all the gallant young spirits that have fallen during this war, there was no one more gallant and chivalric than ORVILLE EWING. He enlisted as a private in Capt. Foster's company from Nashville, at the commencement of the war, was unanimously chosen First Sergeant by the members of his company; was appointed by Col. Battle Sergeant Major of the gallant 20th Tennessee Regiment, and was twice wounded,

at the battle of Fishing Creek, and captured by the enemy. After a tedious confinement in the Hospital at Somersett, Ky., he finally recovered and effected his escape from the Federal lines and rejoined his regiment. He subsequently served as an *Aide de Camp* to Gen. Preston, which position he honorably filled up to the time of his death. We tender our heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved relatives.

ARRIVAL OF PRISONERS.—General Willich and thirty-eight other Federal officers of different grades, arrived here last evening from Murfreesboro, under escort of Col. John Eite, of the 7th Tennessee.

On Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock, a man named Parker, went to the residence of Mrs. Draper, in the southern part of the city, and after staying some time drew a revolver and shot her in the cheek and twice in the stomach. After committing this murderous act, he shot himself twice—one in the stomach and once in the liver. Hopes are entertained that Mrs. Draper will recover. Parker's wounds are pronounced mortal. *Mobile Tribune*, Dec. 23.

French ladies of rank are now in the habit of slightly painting the cheeks, just under the eyes, to give those organs a brilliant appearance. Different colors are used in painting to the color of the eyes.

BRING ON YOUR HOGS.
I AM AUTHORIZED to sell all the HOGS for sale at the regular Government prices.
Dec 31-18. S. B. McCAMY.

TROUT HOUSE

NOTICE.
HAVING thoroughly renovated my House, I beg leave to inform my old patrons and the traveling public, that the house will be open on and after Wednesday, 31 December. G. McGINLEY, Proprietor.

VALUABLE HOME FOR SALE.
SITUATED on the Nashville and Chattanooga rail road, adjoining the residence of the late Rev. E. F. Sevier. The lot contains two acres with a neat dwelling under fine enclosure, well set with a variety of young fruit trees, consisting of Apples, Peaches, Cherries, Plums, Quinces, Apricots and Grapes, also a nice selection of berries. For further particulars apply to H. T. SWICK.
Dec 30-1m.

QUARTERMASTER'S DAY, 7, Chattanooga, Oct. 31st, 1862.
Certified accounts of R. G. Banks, Capt. and Quartermaster, will be paid at the office of R. F. JONES, May 1st & Quartermaster.

TAKEN UP

AND put in jail in Chattanooga, Hamilton county, East Tennessee, on the 3d day of October, 1862 a NEGRO MAN by the name of JOHN, who says he belongs to Wm. Jones, of Memphis, Tenn. Said boy is black & feet 3 inches high, 20 years old.

He was in jail in Chattanooga, Jan. 1.

J. H. WILLY.

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[Extract.]
HEADQUARTERS DEP'T. NO. 2, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dec. 20, 1862.

Special Orders 3
No. 6.

II. All paroled prisoners who have or may be ready to be delivered at Vicksburg, are directed by the agent at that post to be exchanged. They will therefore promptly report for duty with their respective regiments.

By command of Gen'l Bragg.
Dec 21-1w GEO. G. GARNER.

A. A. G.

ASSISTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, Richmond, Nov. 28th, 1862.

General Orders No. 96.

Commandants of regiments will cause the following orders to be published, and for at least seven times in a sufficient number of newspapers in each State of the Confederacy to insure its reaching every part of the country:

III. All commissioned officers and enlisted men who are now absent from their commands from any cause than actual disability, or duty under orders from the Secretary of War, from their department commanders, will return to their commands without delay.

IV. Commissioned officers failing to comply with the provisions of the foregoing paragraph within a reasonable length of time, shall be considered as deserters and treated accordingly, their names to be furnished to the Commandant of conscripts in their State, for publication, or such other action as may be deemed most appropriate.

V. In order to ensure the efficient co-operation of all concerned to carry this order into immediate effect, Department Commanders will require from the commanding officer of each separate command in their departments and excuse them from absent from their commands. These reports must state in each case the cause of absence, and any regimental, battalion or company commander who shall neglect to furnish such a report, or who shall knowingly be guilty of concealing any case of unauthorized absence, shall, on conviction thereof, be summarily dismissed.

VI. Officers of the Quartermaster's Department, charged with payment of troops are hereby directed not to pay any commission officer or private who does not furnish satisfactory evidence that he is not liable to the penalties described in the foregoing order. Any disbursing officer who shall make payment in violation of this order, shall be liable on his bond for the amount of such payment.

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